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14 August 1958

Review of Soviet Portion of Proposed Sample of Motors and
Generators for [REDACTED] Machinery Ruble-Dollar Ratio Study

REF : Your Memorandum of 19 February 1958 Regarding [REDACTED] Sub-Sample
of Ratios

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25X1A5a1 1. On 19 February 1958 you furnished us comments on portions of a preliminary set of 1955 ruble-dollar ratios for machinery and equipment items prepared by [REDACTED]. Your comments dealt with the ratios for SIC Categories 3511 (Turbines) and 3621 (Motors and Generators)

2. We have now received from [REDACTED] the Soviet side of the proposed full sample for motors and generators, excluding DC motors. The DC motors included in the sub-sample are believed by [REDACTED] to represent this type of equipment adequately; therefore, the ratios for DC motors in the sub-sample will be reproduced in the full sample, but no additional ratios for DC motors will be constructed. Two copies of the Soviet side of the proposed full sample for motors and generators (excluding DC motors) are attached, for your retention.

25X1A5a1 3. [REDACTED] is shortly to begin work on the U.S. portion of the sample (namely, the comparable U. S. models, their detailed specifications, and their dollar prices). In order to provide [REDACTED] with the proper guidance, it would be appreciated if your branch would review this sample and furnish us its comments.

a. These comments should include your views as to (1) the representativeness of items selected for the sample, (2) important items missing from the sample which should be included, (3) the adequacy of the Soviet specifications as a basis for selecting comparable U. S. items, and (4) U. S. models which are known to be directly comparable to the Soviet models.

b. Where additional items should be included in the sample, please furnish Soviet specifications and ruble prices or indicate sources where this information may be found. References to any studies containing comparisons of Soviet and U. S. motors and generators would also be appreciated.

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c. Assistance is also requested regarding the proper translation of the specifications characteristics about which the [REDACTED] analyst has indicated uncertainty.

d. In order to forward these comments promptly directly to [REDACTED] we would appreciate it if you would put them in an unclassified attachment to your reply to this request and furnish two extra copies of the unclassified attachment.

4. It would be appreciated if these comments could be received in A/U by 25 August 1958.

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Attachment:

25X1A5a [REDACTED] proposed sample of motors and generators

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